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Dear Sir/Madam:

**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

It is requested that the time for filing an Amendment and Response, which is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, having a three-month response date of December 23, 2003, be extended to January 23, 2004.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the fee in the amount of \$110.00 cover the extension fee as set for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

Respectfully submitted,

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